

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-14, 16, 17, and 19-29 are currently pending. Claim 18 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 10, 11, and 17 are amended, and new Claim 29 is added by the present amendment. As amended Claims 10, 11, and 17 and new Claim 29 are supported by the original claims and specification,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 10-14 and 16-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Briffe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,141, hereinafter “Briffe”).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 10 recites in part:

providing data related to an airport;
reconfiguring a zoom characteristic from an initial maximum zoom value to a new final maximum value such that different types of airports may be displayed with a single display device, said reconfiguring including,
 setting a zoom value of a first actuator to a first predefined zoom degree by entering a first value though a numeric keypad,
 setting a zoom value of a second actuator to a second predefined zoom degree by entering a second value though the numeric keypad, and
 setting a zoom value of a third actuator to a third predefined zoom degree by entering a third value though the numeric keypad;
 displaying different views of the airport using the reconfigured zoom characteristics by actuating the first, second, and third actuators.

With regard to Claim 11, the outstanding Office Action cited Figure 13 of Briffe, column 6, lines 53-63 of Briffe, column 8, line 8 of Briffe, and column 17, lines 29-35 as describing that the device of Briffe is capable of displaying three different levels of zoom.

¹See, e.g., the specification at page 7, lines 28-32 and page 9, lines 17-31.

However, it is respectfully noted that Briffe does not describe first, second, and third actuators that display views using each of first, second, and third zoom characteristics when each respective actuator is actuated. Further, Briffe does not describe that an exact predefined zoom degree can be entered though a numeric keypad.

Briffe describes that the zoom level of the display can be only changed by adjusting an inner knob of knob 544.² Accordingly, to switch between different zoom levels, the pilot must rotate the knob each time to try to set the level desired. Thus, the zoom levels are difficult to repeat (the same knob setting must be set each time a specific zoom level is desired) and cumbersome to change (the pilot must apparently actuate the knob through all of the undesired zoom levels between a first and a second desired zoom level every time the zoom level is changed).

In contrast, the claimed invention includes a method where a pilot can set specific values of zoom for three different actuators using a numeric keypad. Thus, the predetermined zoom levels can be set exactly to a desired level. These three predetermined levels of zoom can then be immediately restored simply activating each respective actuator, without having to run through the intermediate, undesired zoom levels between the desired zoom levels.

Therefore, Briffe does not describe reconfiguring a zoom characteristic as defined in amended Claim 10, as Briffe does not teach setting a zoom value of any actuator to a predefined zoom degree by entering a value though a numeric keypad. Further, Briffe does not teach displaying different views of an airport using reconfigured zoom characteristics by actuating first, second, and third actuators. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 10 (and Claims 11-14, 16, 17, and 19-29 depending therefrom) is not anticipated by Briffe and is patentable thereover.

²See Briffe, column 19, lines 12-24.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 10-14, 16, 17, and 19-29 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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